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SUBJECT: R/V EASTWARD CLEARANCE REQUEST

1. R/V EASTWARD, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY DUKE U. AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, PLANS TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFF GRAND CAYMAN ISLAND DURING 3-11 JULY 1976. THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THE CRUISE IS TO STUDY THE DIAGENESIS OF REEF SEDIMENTS AND THE DEEP TRANSPORT OF SEDIMENTS. THE PHYSIOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY OF THE ISLAND SLOPE AND ADJACENT BARTLETT DEEP WILL BE STUDIED IN RELATION TO THE SEA LEVEL, REEF MORPHOLOGY, AND SLOPE CONFIGURATION.

2. DATA TO BE COLLECTED INCLUDES PROFILE AND DEPTH RECORDS, DEEP WATER ORGANISMS, WATER SAMPLES, ROCK SAMPLES, AND SEDIMENTS. THE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT INCLUDE: ROCK DREDGES, PISTON CORER, NANSEN BOTTLES, PINGER, VAN VEEN GRAB, UNDERWATER CAMERA, XBT, SALINOMETER, PDR, AIR GUN, CONDUCTIVITY METER, CHEMICAL TITRATION GLASSWARE.

3. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE UK AND BERTHS
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ARE AVAILABLE FOR TWO FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS. IT IS

UNDERSTOOD THAT DR. M. GIGLIOLI, A CAYMAN ISLAND GOVT
OFFICIAL, WILL ASSIGN ONE OR TWO OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE

ON THE CRUISE. DR. CLYDE H. MOORE, JR., OF LOUISIANA
STATE UNIVERSITY IS THE CHIEF SCIENTIST.

4. EASTWARD IS 284 GROSS TONS, 118 FT LONG, WITH A
12.5 FT DRAFT. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS R. SANDOY AND THERE IS
A CREW OF 14 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 15. RADIO CALL
SIGN IS WY 9219 AND SHIP COMMUNICATES ON FOLLOWING
FREQUENCIES (HZ) - 4136.3, 6518.6, 8284.4, 12421.0, AND
16572.0. STANDARD INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES
ARE MONITORED.

5. A PORT CALL IS PLANNED AT GEORGETOWN ON 11 JULY
WHICH WILL BE ARRANGED BY THE SHIP'S AGENT. A CRUISE
TRACK IS BEING FORWARDED SEPARATELY VIA AIRGRAM.

6. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR
R/V EASTWARD TO OPERATE IN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND ON
CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF GRAND CAYMAN ISLAND DURING PERIOD
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